

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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### SUMMARY FRAMES IN VIDEO

10 According to the invention, channel surfers are aided  
by summary frames appearing on the screen along with the  
regular program. These summary frames are embedded in the  
broadcast and appear in a small window on the screen at some  
point in the future as the video is broadcast. The summary  
frames depict key scenes from the past which aid the viewer  
in quickly ascertaining the current plot or theme of the  
video program. In an interactive television environment, a  
15 short video segment may be associated with each shot such  
that when the shot is selected, the past video segment is  
played in a larger window on the screen complete with sound.  
Once the segment is viewed, the video program is rejoined in  
progress with the viewer having a better sense of what is  
20 going on in the video. Hence, when a channel surfer  
arrives at a new channel, rather than only having what is  
currently playing to catch the eye, summary frames are also  
available to catch the surfer's attention and aid in  
understanding the programming.